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COMMITTEE REPORT

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BILL ANALYSIS

Background Information:

Presently the Texas Constitution forbids the garnishment of wages for personal services, with no exceptions. Thus, any parent who has failed to make child support payments need not fear that their paychecks will be docked.

Critics point out that the purpose of the garnishment prohibition is to ensure that income is available for family subsistence. Arguably, the income of an obligor parent should be subject to garnishment, since the money would go towards the needs of the legal dependents of the obligor. In addition, current methods of enforcing child support obligations have proved futile, as reflected by the willingness of 75% of obligor parents to disregard their support duties, or have not been effective in securing a monetary return.

Purpose:

H.J.R. 1 would amend the Texas Constitution to permit the garnishment of wages for enforcement of child support obligations.

Section-by-Section Analysis:

Section 1. Amends Article XVI, Section 28 of the Texas Constitution to allow the garnishment of wages for enforcement of child support obligations.

Section 2. Proposed amendment to be submitted to the voters at the 1984 general election.

Rulemaking Authority:

This bill does not delegate rulemaking authority to any state agency, department, or officer.

Summary of Committee Action:

Public notice was posted in accordance with Rule 4, Section 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the House of Representatives and a public hearing was held on March 2, 1983.

On March 2, 1983, the full Committee voted to report H.J.R. I favorably to the House with the recommendation that it do pass by a record vote of 7 ayes, no nays, and 2 absent.

The following witnesses appeared to testify in favor of H.J.R. 1:

Honorable Harley Clark, District Judge, representing himself; Ms. Patricia F. Broline, Attorney, representing the Texas Women's Political Caucus;

Ms. Cicily Simms, Attorney, representing herself and the Texas Women's Political Caucus;

Mr. Phil Strickland, Attorney, representing the Texas Baptist Christian life Commission:

Life Commission;
Mr. Bill J. Ballard, Administrator of Wichita County Family Court
Services, representing himself;

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Ms. Nancy Westerfeld, Director of Harris County Child Support Enforcement, representing herself;

Mr. Larry Brown, Assistant District Attorney and Chief of Child Support Enforcement Division, Office of Criminal District Attorney of Tarrant County, representing himself;

Mr. Tom Morgan, Prosecuting Attorney, representing himeslf;

Mr. Kenneth D. Fuller, Attorney, representing the Family Law Council of the State Bar of Texas;

Ms. W. Jeanne Meurer, Attorney for the Travis County Domestic Relations Office, representing the Domestic Relations Office of Travis County;
Ms. Judith Cassetty, Assistant Professor, School of Social Work at the

University of Texas, representing herself;

Mr. Barry Fredrickson, Assistant Commissioner for Child Support Enforcement, Department of Human Resources, representing himself and the Texas Department of Human Resources;

Ms. G. K. Sprinkle of Austin, Consultant, representing Texas N.O.W.; Mr. Michael Diehl, Publications Writer, representing Texas Fathers for Equal Rights, Wives and Grandparents Coalition and Mothers without Custody of Dallas/Ft. Worth; and

Dr. John J. Sampson, Professor of Law, University of Texas, representing himself.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.J.R. No. 1 was passed by the House on April 13, 1983, by the following vote: Yeas 137, Nays 7, 3 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.J.R. No. 1 on May 19, 1983, by the following vote: Yeas 141, Nays 2, 1 present, not voting.

Chief Clerk of the House

H.J.R. No. 1

I certify that H.J.R. No. 1 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 17, 1983, by the following vote: Yeas 27, Nays 3.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED:

Date

Governor

RECEIVED:

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Secretary of State

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OTHER ACTION:	OTHER ACTION: Secretary of the Senate
5-17-83	26. Returned to the House.
MAY 1 7 1983	27. Received from the Senate (with amendments.) MOTION TO SUSPEND ALL NECESSARY RULES IN ORDER TO TAKE UP AND CONSIDER AT THIS TIME
MAY 1 9 1983	28. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Substitute) by a (Non-Record (Substitute)) present, not voting).
	29. Conference Committee Ordered.
	30. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of yeas, nays, and present, not voting).
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